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FEC General Counsel:

I am filing a complaint with the FEC against the Bachmann for Congress Campaign, P.O. Box 49756, Blaine, MN 55449. This is the congressional campaign office for Michele Bachmann, candidate for the 6th Congressional District in Minnesota.

I recently received a mailing from the Bachmann for Congress campaign that contained a letter soliciting support and money for Michele Bachmann. Copies of the letter, enclosures and envelope are enclosed. The letterhead at the top read "Renee Doyle," who is president of EdWatch, a tax-exempt, nonprofit organization in Minnesota. The address, phone number and Internet website for Edwatch was listed at the bottom of the front of the letter, as part of the letterhead. EdWatch is the only address listed on the letter; there is no address for Doyle anywhere on the letter. In the text of the letter, Doyle repeatedly refers to EdWatch, further implying that the solicitation is on behalf of the organization. On the back of the letter, it states that it was "Prepared and paid for by Bachmann for Congress Committee, P.O. Box, Blaine, MN." This, again, appears to be an endorsement of a congressional candidate by EdWatch, a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization.

As a tax-exempt, nonprofit 501C3 organization, EdWatch is prohibited from engaging in partisan political fundraising and endorsements. Yet this mailing clearly is a solicitation for financial and political support for a Republican candidate for Congress from EdWatch. Furthermore, I suspect the mailing list used for this targeted solicitation came from EdWatch, as this is the only place my address could have conceivably been available to the Bachmann for Congress campaign. I have purchased materials from EdWatch using this address but have never contributed to a Bachmann campaign. If EdWatch did, in fact, provide the Bachmann for Congress campaign with its mailing list or mailing labels, that would appear to be another violation of federal election laws.

Thank you very much for your prompt attention to this matter. Please advise me as to the progress of your investigation of my complaint.

Sincerely,



Karl Bremer

Stillwater, MN 55082

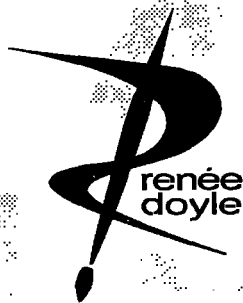
Subscribed and sworn to before me on this

12 day of October, 2005.



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Dear Friend,

Minnesota has an opportunity to impact legislation coming out of Washington that we haven't had in a long time. The 2006 election may seem far away, but what you and others do today may well determine the outcome of that election.

My name is Renee Doyle, President of EdWatch. You may know us as the Maple River Education Coalition – our name during our successful fight against the Profile of Learning. We are the largest, most active and effective grassroots education organization in Minnesota. I have had the privilege of serving with EdWatch since our founding in 1998. During that time, I have worked closely with Michele Bachmann. I will tell you frankly that Michele is the very best leader Minnesota can send to Washington from the 6th District. **We must not let this moment pass to put her into Congress to provide the leadership we all need. Your help can make that happen.**

I first saw Michele Bachmann in action in the fall of 1998 at an early meeting to strategize for the repeal of Minnesota's "Profile of Learning." The Profile's radical reinvention of education had just been fully implemented in Minnesota's public schools in the face of intense public opposition. In the midst of the many emotional statements by people present at that meeting, Michele walked to the microphone from the back of the room. She was casually dressed -- a petite woman behind the podium. Yet her first few words convinced everyone present that this woman was worth listening to.

She apologized for not taking the time to change her casual clothes. She'd been cleaning house all day and tending to her five children and foster child, and she didn't want to risk missing the meeting. Michele then calmly captured everyone's attention with several common sense suggestions that eventually became action plans.

Although new to education activism, Michele was a quick study. She instinctively understood that the Profile of Learning wasn't fixable, and needed to be repealed. Within weeks, she would leave a well-paid career as a tax attorney to immerse herself in study and research about the new Goals 2000/School to Work system. **Michele is a woman who does not give up until she has every last shred of information available and she has shared it with every last person who will listen. She is a woman in love with the truth, and she fearlessly speaks it, even when it is not politically correct or when it may cause her personal discomfort.**

After over 2000 hours of study, she began to speak all across Minnesota, blowing the whistle on the devastating effect Minnesota's new educational system was having on our children and how it was part of federal legislation that affected every state in the nation.

In the spring of 2000, Michele Bachmann was taken by surprise at being drafted by Republicans in her area to run for the Minnesota state Senate against a 28-year incumbent. Her message had resonated, and convention delegates decided on the spot that the only way to address bad legislation was to send someone to St. Paul who truly understood and who could be effective. Without a campaign or fundraising efforts of any kind in place, Michele picked up the challenge, and went on to win resoundingly. That election sent shivers through the advocates of radical school change in Minnesota, and it was a turning point in the groundswell against the Profile. The rest is history. With Michele Bachmann's leadership, Minnesota finally repealed the Profile in 2003.

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I have come to know Michele as a friend, colleague, brilliant scholar, and lawmaker. Never have I seen her use her position, education, intellect, or resume to intimidate or impress anyone. With a doctorate and post doctorate degrees, a remarkable husband, five beautiful children, and after being foster parent with her husband to over 20 foster children, Michele could easily bill herself as superwoman. Instead, she always demonstrates a desire to humbly serve with the talents she's been given.

But most importantly, I want you to know that Michele provides us an extraordinary choice. Having Michele in the Minnesota Senate has been an unprecedented opportunity, only exceeded by the possibility of sending her to Washington.

Leaders with integrity, morality, honesty and bravery are rare, and they seldom run for office. Even the best cannot withstand the political pressure of the media or liberal attacks. **However, Michele has shown herself to be a rock in the face of adversity.** For example, she has relentlessly supported a constitutional definition of marriage as one man and one woman, even under the threat of bodily harm to herself and her family. Michele introduced a measure in the Senate to truthfully call the "Health Impact Fee" a tax and to put it in the tax bill where it belongs. She has supported keeping taxes low through the "Taxpayer Bill of Rights", and she is sponsoring a measure to protect private property from public seizure. Michele is a strong supporter of the 2nd amendment, and she has a record of thirty years of activism in the pro-life movement.

Michele's story of strong leadership goes on and on in Minnesota. **Can you imagine what this articulate, courageous, and ambitious woman could do for our entire nation if we will do our part to send her to Washington where laws are handed down to the states every day?**

Friends, I cannot impress on you enough **the need to support Sen. Michele Bachmann financially for U.S. Congress.** She needs your support now just as we have relied on her work for the past 7 years. **Will you be there for her?** The attacks on Michele have already started. The radicals know what a Bachmann in Congress would mean for their agenda, and they are loaded for bear. Michele needs to focus on her campaign and getting her message to the voters in her district.

As I wrote this letter, it became increasingly clear that I am not asking for you to do this just for Michele. **I am asking for you to help me, to help yourself, and to help our children. It's all about truth. It's all about freedom. It's all about America.**

Please financially support Michele in the most generous way that you possibly can with a gift of \$500, \$250, or \$100! I know you know what Michele means to you. We mean everything to her.

Thank you for your kind attention, and may you prosper as you give to the Michelle Bachmann for US Congress campaign.

Sincerely,



Renee T. Doyle,
Founder and President
EdWatch, Inc. (Formerly known as the Maple River Education Coalition)

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ENCLOSED WITH FUND-RAISING LETTER

☐ Yes Michele, you can count on me!

Enclosed is my most generous contribution of:

___ \$2,000 ___ \$1,000 ___ \$500
___ \$250 ___ \$100 ___ Other

Please Print Clearly:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____



Please Make Checks Payable to "Bachmann for Congress"

Federal law requires us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer of individuals for federal campaigns

**Yes Michele, I understand
what's at stake and you
can count on my help!**

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I would like to:

- Host an event at my home
- Place a lawn sign in my yard
- Help with literature drops and mailings
- Make telephone calls on behalf of Michele
- Write a letter to the editor of my local newspaper
- March in parades

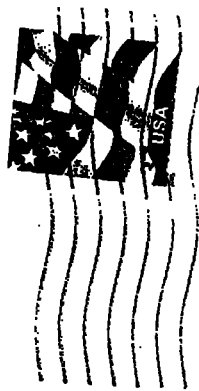
****Please use the other side of this card to tell us about yourself****

Prepared and paid for by the Bachmann for Congress Committee



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Blaine, MN 55449

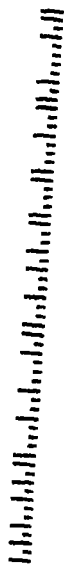
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